

2001 Summary of Accomplishments

Trail Maintenance and Reconstruction

- 600 miles of trail brushing and blazing
- New trailhead signs for the Livermore, Sawyer River, Winniweta Falls, Rocky Branch and Hutmen’s Trailheads
- Cross-country ski trail packing and patrol

Backcountry and Wilderness Patrol

- Rehabilitated Wilderness campsites, packed out trash, assisted hikers by providing information and first aid
- Taught mountain safety and Leave No Trace ethics to thousands of hikers
- Maintained backcountry toilets, shelters, and cabins across the Forest
- Replaced an old pit toilet with a modern composting toilet and constructed two tent platforms at the Osgood backcountry site
- Inventoried 619 trail signs and replaced 40 worn-out trail and directional signs

Campgrounds, Picnic Areas, and Day Use Sites

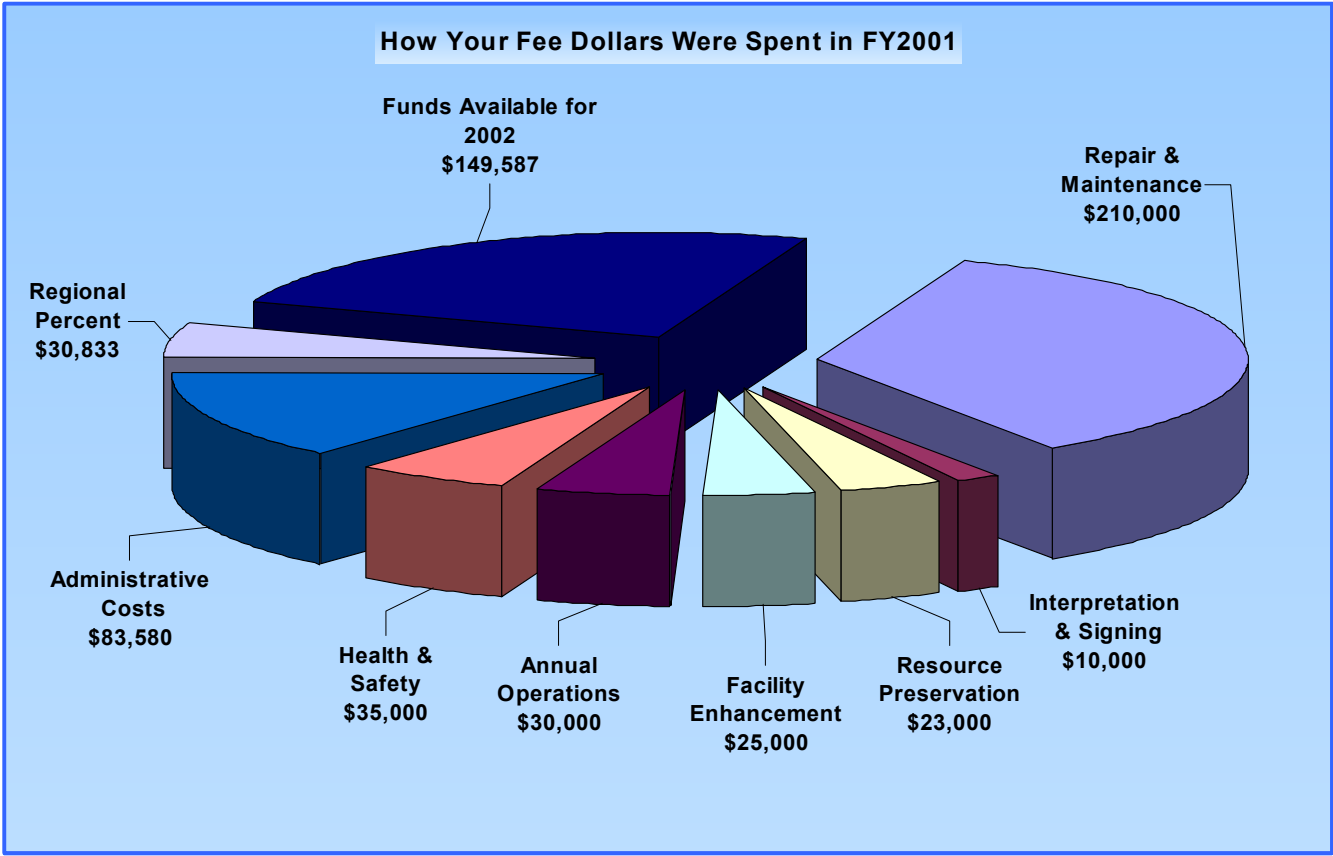
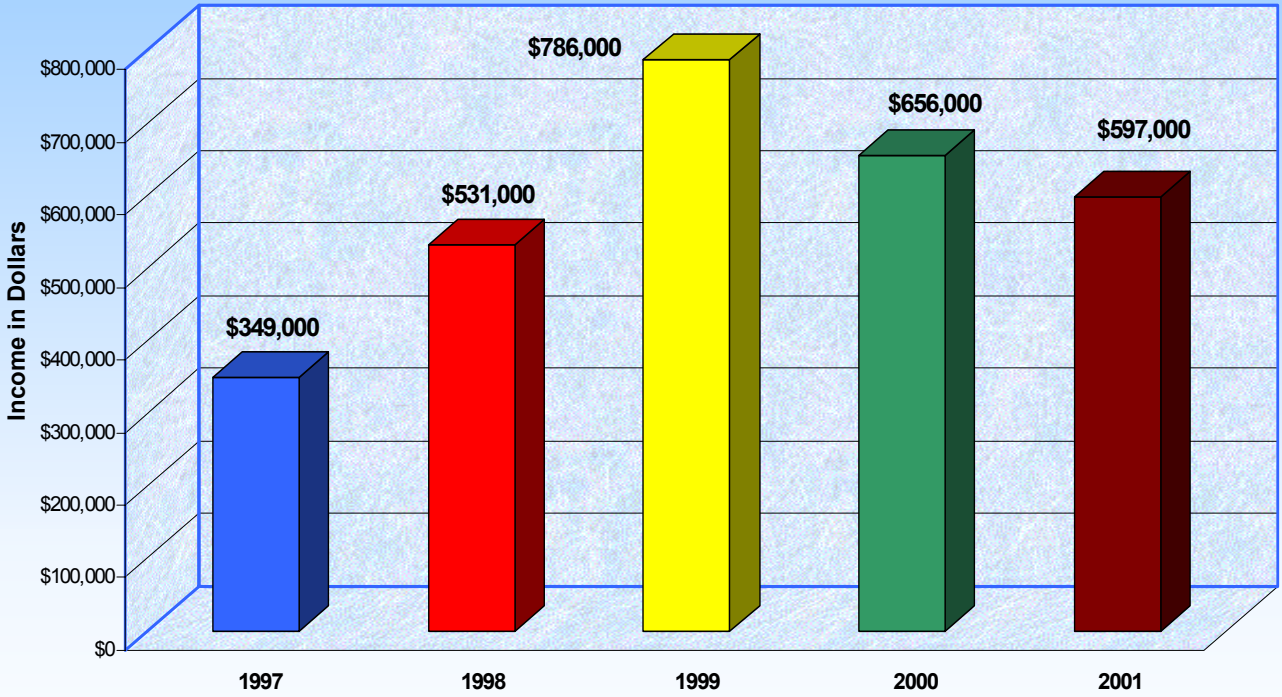
- Removed trash, repaired and maintained facilities, provided public information
- Upgraded 45 facilities to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards
- Maintained the Franconia Brook Campground, accommodating 4,800 visitors
- Maintained the Forest Protection Area, 4 trailheads, and all day use sites along the Sandwich Notch Road
- Constructed and installed Pemigewasset Overlook and Eddy Swimming Area entrance signs
- Provided full service winter camping opportunities at Hancock campground
- Snowplowed trailheads for the Hayes Copp Cross-country ski trails, Great Gulf, Stoney Brook Trails and along the Kancamagus Highway
- Removed 19 bags of accumulated trash at swimming holes across the Forest
- Gave out information and assistance to thousands of visitors at the Lower Falls

Community Partners Program

- Helped finance reconstruction of the Bemis Hiking Bridge on the Davis Path
- Provided several highway hiker symbol signs and posts in Gorham, N.H.
- Provided a search and rescue library and two lightweight search and rescue litters for Androscoggin Valley Search and Rescue

Visitor Information, Interpretation and Conservation Education

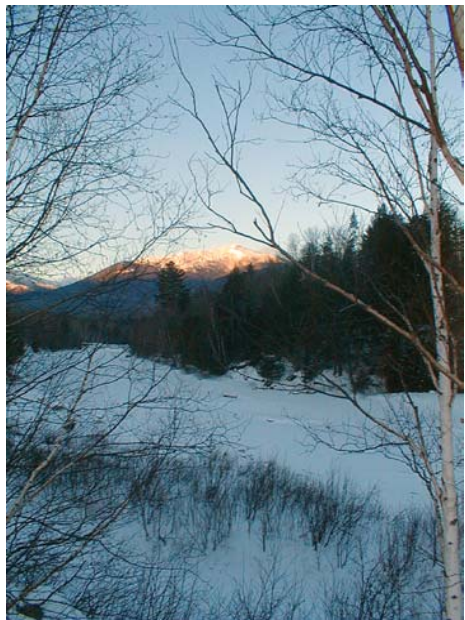
- Sponsored and presented 34 interpretive programs at National Forest campgrounds
- Visited several local schools providing education on natural resource management
- Contacted over 190,000 visitors at Lincoln Woods Wilderness information center
- Provided visitor information to over 92,000 visitors at four Forest Service Offices
- Presented the Woods in Winter program to 400 students from Antrim, Brentwood, Rumney, Plymouth, and other New Hampshire elementary and high schools



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RECREATION FEE 2001 ANNUAL REPORT



USDA Forest Service is a multicultural organization and committed to the goal of ensuring equal opportunity for all in employment and program delivery.

Dear Friends,

Recreation and wilderness experiences are at the heart of people’s love for the White Mountain National Forest. Since its beginning 5 years ago, the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program has brought in over 2 million dollars to help provide additional support to the recreation products and services the Forest Service provides. This locally generated, additional funding has helped us increase our efforts for: improved visitor information services; better repair and maintenance of backcountry campsites, toilets and signs; consistent backcountry and wilderness patrol; clean picnic areas and increased interpretive services.

In my 5 months as Forest Supervisor, I’ve spent a lot of time listening and learning. I have heard some concerns about the recreation fee program and seen many gains as well. My staff has worked hard to modify and adapt the program based on public comments. We will continue to work hard to return the fee receipts collected back to visible projects, services, and restoration activities on the White Mountain National Forest.

In an ideal world we would hope that our federal tax contributions would cover all the costs associated with Wilderness and recreation management on public land. It is apparent, now more than ever, that other national priorities make this extremely difficult if not impossible. Your fee dollars have helped us provide high quality recreation and resource protection on one of the most beloved pieces of public land. I’m impressed at how willing people are to help support what they care about.

We appreciate your feedback and support in helping us provide for today’s needs and those of future generations on the White Mountains. Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions as we prepare for 2002.

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